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TEHRAN FOR THE ATTENTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV IS EG
SUBJECT: GOE DELEGATION TO JERUSALEM POLITICAL
- COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: TEL AVIV 11199

1. REFTEL ARRIVED ON THURSDAY AFTER GOE OFFICES CLOSED AND FRIDAY WAS MUSLIM SABBATH. HENCE, I CALLED ON FONMIN KAMEL THIS MORNING TO CONVEY EVRON'S QUERIES CITED REFTEL. I ALSO MADE POINT THAT SHOULD EGYPTIAN DEL PLAN ARRIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, IT SHOULD DEFER ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTER SUNDOWN BECAUSE OF JEWISH SABBATH. GAVE HIM ISRAELI QUERIES IN A LETTER FROM ME.

2. KAMEL SAID THAT GOE HOPES IN A FEW DAYS BE ABLE PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IF EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TRAVELS JANUARY 14, IT WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE AFTER SUNDOWN.

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3. KAMEL THEN NOTED HE HAD ONE POINT HE WISHED CONVEY TO THE ISRAELIS. THERE HAD BEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT DAYAN PLANS TO HAVE THE JERUSALEM TALKS HELD IN THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY. KAMEL WAS "NOT SURE" THIS IS AGREEABLE TO THE EGYPTIAN SIDE. GOE DOES NOT BELIEVE OFFICIAL TALKS SHOULD BE HELD IN THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT THE CAIRO CONFERENCE WAS HELD

NOT AT THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT AT THE MENA HOUSE HOTEL.

4. KAMEL THOUGHT THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES: FIRST, THE MEETINGS COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE U.N. BUILDINGS IN JERUSALEM. HE ASSUMED THAT WHILE THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE EGYPTIAN SIDE, IT WOULD NOT BE TO THE ISRAELIS. HIS SECOND ALTERNATIVE WAS TO HOLD THE MEETINGS IN THE KING DAVID HOTEL. THIS WOULD MEAN ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO WHAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD SET UP AT MENA HOUSE.

5. WILL ADVISE SOON AS EGYPTIANS PROVIDE REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WHICH ISRAELIS HAVE RAISED. EILTS

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